

## **STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS COUNTY OF NEWPORT**

The Board of Canvassers of the Town of Tiverton, County and State aforesaid held a Meeting at the Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Road on Monday April 28, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair Bobby J Harris-present  
Member Paul Amaral-absent  
Alternate Jean Veeagh-absent

Vice Chair DeEtta Moran-present  
Town Clerk-Nancy Mello  
Clerk Kathleen Wood-present

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

### **1. Review and Approve minutes:**

- April 17, 2014  
A motion was made by Ms. Moran and seconded by Ms. Mello to accept the minutes as submitted.  
The motion passed unanimously.
- April 23, 2014  
The agenda posted had the incorrect date (April 24, 2014) of minutes to be approved. The correct date of the meeting is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. A motion was made by Ms. Moran and seconded by Ms. Mello to accept the minutes and to reflect the correct date of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2. Discussion of Financial Town Referendum and Early Absentee Voting:**

- Ms. Moran wished to discuss the process of verifying voter's signatures on the Elector's Petition. Of particular interest was the signature of Justin Katz. The signature on the petition was not quite a match to his signature on file on his voter registration form. Ms. Mello assured her that every attempt to find similarities to the signatures is made in order to allow acceptance. After close examination, his signature had been accepted at the previous Board meeting.
- For handouts at the FTR hearing Ms Mello has printed 250 copies of the Elector's Petition as was submitted including the 6 pages of back up material. The dockets will be available and any reports from Town officials who submit them.
- Ms. Mello will visit the Middle School to inspect the set-up for the May 1<sup>st</sup> hearing.
- The Budget Committee will be having a meeting at 6:30 p.m. immediately prior to the FTR hearing at 7:00 p.m. on May 1<sup>st</sup> to approve last set of meeting minutes.
- The Board of Canvassers in conjunction with the Town Clerk's office will conduct Poll Worker Training for the FTR. The date is yet to be determined. The State Board of Elections does not offer training for local elections.
- As a reminder to voters, Ms. Mello will advertise locally the requirement that Picture I.D. must be presented to the poll workers in order to vote.
- The D.P.W. Director will be contacted to request the assistance of a few D.P.W. workers to set-up the polling locations on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Board received the report from Steve Taylor of the Board of Elections detailing the Pending Issues, Elections Day Fixes and the report from the (GCD) Governor's Commission

on Disabilities regarding accessibility problems at various polling locations. The Board will address the issues at each meeting and work on the problems until they are all resolved. The Board was concerned with polling place buildings that were not Town property (eg. Sandywoods & Countryview Estates) but would work with the owners to resolve any problems. There is money available through the Governor's Commission on Disabilities to fix some of the problems. The Board will work with Alyssa Gleason to obtain any monies available.

**3. Certify Absentee Mail Ballot Applications:**

There was 1 absentee mail ballot application received for the Board's consideration.

A motion was made by Ms. Moran and seconded by Ms. Mello to accept the application. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Certify Final Canvass for the 2014 Financial Town Referendum:**

A motion was made by Ms. Moran and seconded by Mr. Harris to certify the final canvass (Listing of Qualified Registered Voters). The motion passed unanimously.

The next Board of Canvassers meeting will be at Town Hall on Thursday May 1, 2014 at 8:45 a.m.

There being no further business, Ms. Moran made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Bobby Harris Chair \_\_\_\_\_ DeEtta Moran, Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Amaral, member \_\_\_\_\_ absent \_\_\_\_\_ Jean Veegh, Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ absent \_\_\_\_\_

A True Copy: Attest \_\_\_\_\_ Nancy L. Mello, Town Clerk